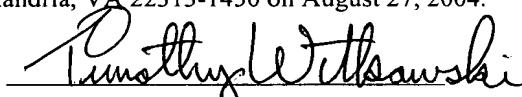


uncover prior art that is relevant to Group II, since Group I and Group II involve the same active compounds. Indeed, if Group I is found to be patentable over the prior art, Group II is necessarily patentable over the prior art. Thus, a search for relevant art and subsequent examination would not be an undue burden on the Examiner and the restriction should be withdrawn. M.P.E.P. § 803. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction of Group I and Group II. In any case, the claims of Group II should be rejoined and allowed when the claims of Group I are found allowable over the prior art.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in one or more divisional applications whatever subject matter is not examined or allowed here.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable and therefore solicit a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney below.

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